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Board of Land and Natural Resources  
State of Hawai'i  
Honolulu, Hawai'i

**SUBJECT: Selection of Projects for Federal Grant Awards through the Land and Water  
Conservation Fund Program for Fiscal Year 2008**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (LWCF) is a Federal grants program administered by the Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS) to expand public outdoor recreation opportunities. These Federal funds are made available to county and state agencies for acquisition of recreation areas, new construction of recreational facilities, and rehabilitation of existing facilities. The federal funds must be matched with State funds, County funds, or in-kind services. The Division of State Parks takes the lead in notifying the county parks and recreation departments, as well as recreational agencies within DLNR, of the availability of funds, accepting applications, and making a preliminary selection of projects for the grant awards. The Board approves this selection of projects as a means of soliciting public comment in the selection process and authorizing DLNR to enter into project agreements with the NPS for the selected projects receiving grant awards.

In order to qualify to receive these Federal funds, Hawai'i must prepare a Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) every 5 years. State Parks is currently updating the 2003 SCORP with an inventory the state's recreational resources, including parks, boat ramps and small harbors, hunting areas, trails, and other recreational facilities. The update is also assessing the recreational demands and priorities based on consultation with government agencies and input from public surveys and meetings. Projects for grant awards are rated on their ability to meet the state's recreational demands and priorities as identified in the SCORP.

For Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007, Hawai'i selected four (4) project applications for LWCF grant awards. The selected projects were \$50,000 for the SCORP Update (DLNR), \$300,000 for Isaac Hale Memorial Park Phase II Improvements (County of Hawaii), \$800,000 for the acquisition of a privately owned parcel within Lapakahi State Historical Park (DLNR), and \$700,000 for improvements at Halona Blowhole Lookout (City and County of Honolulu). The Lapakahi acquisition project was cancelled when matching funds were not available. The Halona Blowhole Lookout project was cancelled when the City and County of Honolulu started construction before completion of the LWCF agreement. The funds from the two cancelled projects remain available for other project awards.

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Hawai'i's apportionment for FY08 from the NPS is \$244,054. This is a reduction from the \$295,549 apportionment in FY07. However, with the cancellation of the two projects from the previous years, the NPS reports that there is a balance of \$1,372,143.00. Although, all the county and state agencies were encouraged to submit applications for these LWCF funds, only 3 applications have been received. With Board approval, State Parks plans to forward the following projects to the NPS by December 31, 2008 to insure that the major portion of these funds are obligated by March 31, 2009:

- 15-00157      Improvements at Lava Tree State Monument, Pahoehoe, Hawai'i Island  
Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Amount Requested: \$200,000  
Project Description: Paving of park entry road and parking lot, partial paving of loop path, renovation of picnic pavilion and rest shelters, and construction of a new interpretive kiosk.  
SCORP Needs & Issues: This project provides a safe and well-maintained recreational area for both residents and visitors and protects the natural resources of the park with the installation of interpretive devices.  
Comments: State CIP funds will be used as a match; construction scheduled to begin in 2009.
- 15-00158      Development of 'Ewa Mahiko District Park, O'ahu  
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu, Department of Parks and Recreation  
Amount Requested: \$700,000  
Project Description: Further development of the 25-acre park includes construction of playcourts (tennis, basketball, volleyball) and additional parking and landscaping.  
SCORP Needs & Issues: This project will increase outdoor recreation opportunities in a growing residential community where such facilities are limited.  
Comments: City and County funds will be used as a match; construction scheduled to begin in 2009.
- 15-00159      Isaac Hale Memorial Park Phase II was awarded \$350,000 earlier this year.
- 15-00160      Skate Park, Lahaina Recreation Center, Maui  
Applicant: County of Maui, Department of Parks and Recreation  
Amount Requested: \$450,000  
Project Description: Construction of a new skate park with lighting, fencing, picnic area, accessible paths, landscaping, and irrigation.  
SCORP Needs & Issues: This project addresses the need for youth facilities in a rapidly growing urban setting by adding new facilities within an existing park complex. This skate park will reduce conflicts with the use of other public areas, such as sidewalks and parking lots, and provide a safe, dedicated area for skateboarding activities.  
Comments: County funds will be used as a match; construction to begin in 2009.

RECOMMENDATION:

All the project applications for FY08 meet Hawai'i's recreational demands and priorities as identified in the 2003 SCORP. Together, the three projects total \$1,350,000 which is within the funding amount available. It is recommended that the Board approve the selection of the three projects to receive LWCF grant funds, subject to final approval by the National Park Service. The balance of LWCF funds will be carried over for award with the apportionment received in FY09.

1. \$200,000 grant to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for improvements at Lava Tree State Monument.
2. \$700,000 grant to the City and County of Honolulu for improvements at 'Ewa Mahiko Park.
3. \$450,000 grant to the County of Maui for skate park at Lahaina Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



LAURA H. THIELEN, Chairperson